

handsome nest, built directly against the wall of rock, five feet above the floor of the cave. The bird was sitting when I found the nest, and returned as soon as I left the cave. There were three eggs, two evidently much incubated and one infertile, which latter I took. These eggs were creamy white, with pale reddish specks and dots about the larger end. The specimen which I secured is now in the collection of Brown University, Providence, R. I.

The Island Flycatchers had nearly all left Santa Cruz (or retreated to distant parts of the island) by the first of August, and I saw none after August 10. — ELI WHITNEY BLACK, *Syracuse, N. Y.*

The White-throated Sparrow Breeding at Hubbardston, Mass. — A few pairs of *Zonotrichia albicollis* breed each year, or have for the last two years, among the lower hills (about 1000 feet elevation) about Wachusett Mountain in Hubbardston, Mass. — REGINALD HEBER HOWE, JR., *Longwood, Mass.*

Henslow's Sparrow in Michigan — A Correction. — Dr. Charles W. Richmond, Assistant Curator, Department of Birds, U. S. National Museum, calls my attention to a misprint in my article on this species in the April 'Auk' (XIV, p. 220) where, in an extract from his letter, he is made to say "this species ought not to be seen in Michigan." "Seen" should read "rare." I think, however, that Henslow's Sparrow may very properly be termed rare in this State. Should one offer a reward for specimens of this bird taken here he would be surprised at the very few he would obtain. A young ornithologist, in reporting his observations, might easily mistake the Grasshopper Sparrow for this species. — JAMES B. PURDY, *Plymouth, Mich.*

Nesting of *Cardinalis cardinalis* at Nyack, N. Y. — During the spring of 1897 there have been not less than six instances of the breeding of *Cardinalis cardinalis* at Nyack, N. Y. Mr. Rowley, of the American Museum of Natural History, tells me that a pair of this species nested at Hastings, N. Y. So far as is known, I believe this constitutes the northernmost breeding record of this bird. — C. L. BROWNELL, *Nyack, N. Y.*

Notes on the Molt and certain Plumage Phases of *Piranga rubra*. — In 'The Auk' for July, 1891 (pp. 315, 316) I described an instance wherein the Summer Tanager (*P. rubra*), a female, had assumed the plumage of the male. That specimen was collected by my son, Percy Shufeldt, and has since been added to the collections of the U. S. National Museum. Since that date the same collector has added to his private series, thirteen more specimens of this species, and as some of these exhibit certain notable conditions of the moult and plumage, it is my intention here to pass a few remarks upon the more interesting of these. Twelve of the skins are from male birds, while the thirteenth is from an adult female, taken in